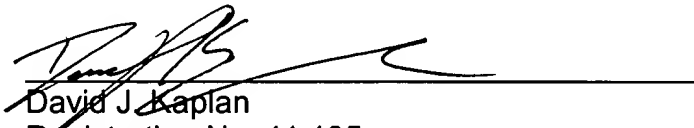


REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were submitted for examination. Applicants cancelled claims 1-28 and added new claims 29-50. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add new matter. Examination of the above-identified patent application as amended is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A
VERSION OF SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS
WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE

Change the title to – METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONDITIONALLY EXECUTING A PREDICATED INSTRUCTION --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 4, insert – This is a continuation of patent application number 09/224,414, filed December 31, 1998. --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 are cancelled, so no marked-up version is shown for these claims.

Claims 29-50 are newly added, so no marked-up version is shown for these claims.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Delete the abstract and replace with the following:

--In one method, a predicted predicate value may be determined. A predicated instruction is then conditionally executed depending on the predicted predicate value. For example, in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a predicate table stores historical information corresponding to a predicate. A pipeline coupled to the table receives a predicted predicate value calculated from the historical information. The pipeline may use this predicted predicate value to conditionally execute a

